SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I am concluding, Sir. Regarding the present Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid controversy and conflict, nobody can disagree that we are Indians first. I had made a sincere request and recommendation to the then Defence Minister, Mr K. C Pant when Mr. Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister that India after independene has not built any monument in memory of the unknown soldier. Subsequently the Indian Army has been overused. We had the Operation Bluestar. We had the IPKF services who have fought with one hand tied behind them They went in the guest of peace and laid down their lives No recognition has been given Let us now declare this property as a tribute to the unknown Indian solider as a symbol of secularism Let the Hindus and the Muslims who are fighting over this piece of geography of my country unite and come forward for this soldier who is fighting for this India and tri-colour. These are just a few suggestions. Last but not the least to concentrate on nation building it has to start from the school level We should teach our children that they are Indians first and Indians last Thank you

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STATEMENT BY MINISTER—

Clarification Re. arrival of Minister of State for Foreign Affairs from Iraq

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, the Iraqi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Mohammad Saeed Al-Sahhaf, was scheduled to land at Delhi International Airport at 6 30 p m. by a special plane This information was given to us by the Iraqi Embassy in Delhi

[THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, in the Chair.]

At 5 30 p m. when Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs accompanied by senior officials of the Ministry was leaving for the airport, we got the message that the plane had already landed At the time of landing one Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs and two representatives of the Protocol Division were present at the airport The Deputy Minister, Shri Digvijay Singh, who was supposed to receive Mr Mohammad Sa'eed Al-Sahhaf, rushed to the hotel and received the Iraqi Minister there. The Iraqi side well understood the situation and everything is going on normally.

SHRI H HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka) When the scheduled time of the plane was 6 30 p m how did it arrive at 5 30 p m ? How did it land one hour early? Is there any explanation on this from the Government?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: Madam, this has happened because of the security reasons Therefore, they have changed the time of landing The tail

SHRI H HANUMANTHAPPA. By keeping the Government in darkness?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA. There is no problem with the Government or the Iraqi Ambassador or the Iraqi delegation In fifteen minutes from now we are going to start our deliberations and everything is absolutely normal There is no cause of worry for the hon Members

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CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

COMMUNAL SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY (*contd.*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN Now we will continue with the communal situation. Shri Ram Naresh Yadav.

[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, (SHRI M. A. BABY) in the Chair.]

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